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SUBJ: SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR REDUCTION OF TRAVEL

NOTIFICATION PERIOD

REF: MOSCOW 10095 AND PREVIOUS

1. SOVIET NOTE REGARDING REDUCTION OF TRAVEL NOTIFICATION PERIOD FOR MOSCOW-LENINGRAD AND WASHINGTON-NEW YORK TRAVEL (TEXT REFTEL) REPRESENTS ACCEPTANCE OF GIST OF OUR LANGUAGE (CONTAINED IN EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 665 OF JUNE 19), WITH TWO MAIN EXCEPTIONS:

A. TRADE DELEGATIONS ARE OMITTED AS A CATEGORY OF AFFECTED PERSONS:

B. OUR PROPOSAL THAT DULY NOTIFIED TRAVEL BETWEEN THESE CITIES NOT RPT NOT BE SUBJECT TO DISAPPROVAL IS ALSO OMITTED.

OMISSION 1.A WE DO NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER IMPORTANT, SINCE US TRADE DELEGATIONS RARELY LEAVE MOSCOW AND IF ONE DID SOVIET HOST ORGANIZATION WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY FACILITATE TRAVEL. OMISSION 1.B, HOWEVER, GUTS PROPOSAL OF ONLY SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW. AS EXPLAINED IN MOSCOW 6848, MERE REDUCTION IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTIFICATION PERIOD FROM 48 TO 24 HOURS WOULD BE OF MINIMAL BENEFIT

TO THIS EMBASSY.

3. IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES, EMBASSY WILL RESPOND TO SOVIET NOTE
REFTEL WITH REITERATION OF OUR PROPOSAL 1.B ABOVE AND ACCEPTANCE
OF SOVIET LANGUAGE OTHERWISE. WHILE ANY FORWARD MOVEMENT ON TRAVEL
IS WELCOME, EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE SOVIETS SHOULD BE
ALLOWED TO CONCLUDE THAT UTTERLY INSUBSTANTIAL COSMETIC CHANGES
WILL SATISFY OUR DESIRE FOR REAL PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE, MOST
RECENTLY COMMUNICATED TO VORONTSOV AUGUST 16 (STATE 163097, PARA 2).
THEREFORE, WE FAVOR PRESSING ONCE MORE FOR OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IN
THIS EXERCISE, WITH ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET PROPOSAL RESERVED AS OUR
EVENTUAL FALLBACK POSITION.

4. DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE REQUESTED.
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